STATE OF RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE-MAKING

In accordance with Rhode Island General Law (RIGL) 42-35 and 42-72-5, notice is hereby given that the Department of Children, Youth and Families proposes to amend the following DCYF rule:

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

This rule, formerly entitled Education: Career/Technical Component, is being amended in compliance with the federal court order relating to RI Training School residents, the accreditation standards of the American Correctional Association (ACA) for Juvenile Training Schools and Juvenile Detention Facilities, the accreditation standards of the Correctional Education Association and the opening of new facilities. The rule is amended to provide comprehensive direction to educational staff career and technical programming for adjudicated residents within the Alternative Educational Education Program at the RI Training School. The previous version of this policy, refiled 1/5/07, is superseded by this amended version.

In the amendment of this rule, consideration was given to the following: (1) alternative approaches and (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions. No alternative approach or duplication or overlap was identified based upon available information.

This amended rule is accessible on the R.I. Secretary of State's website (http://www.sec.state.ri.us/ProposedRules/) and the DCYF website (http://www.dcyf.ri.gov) or available in hard copy upon request (401-528-3685). Interested persons should submit data, views or written comments by July 26, 2010 to Susan Bowler, Administrator for Families and Children, Department of Children, Youth and Families, 101 Friendship Street, Providence, RI 02903 (Susan.Bowler@dcyf.ri.gov).

In accordance with RIGL 42-35-3, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice.

Education: Career and /Technical Education Component

Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families Division of Juvenile Correctional Services: Training School

Policy: 1200.1727

<u>TAn important goal of the Rhode Island</u> Training School Education Program is to provides maintain a <u>cCareer and At</u>Technical <u>Education instruction curriculum</u> to support <u>adjudicated residents</u> the vocational needs of the students at the facility.

In almost all cases, the average Residents' length of stay at the RITS typicallynormally does not correspond to the length of time required for completion of career and/or technical programs that produce licenses and/or certification. The Career and Technical Curriculum assists residents in building skills and competencies relevant to such licenses and/or certifications.

Related Procedures...

Education: Career and Technical Education Component

Related Policy

Education Program: Structure and Operations

Education: Career and /Technical EducationComponent

Procedure from Policy 1200.1727: Education: Career and Technical EducationComponent

A. The Education Program of the Rhode Island Training School provides resident students with a variety of opportunities for career and technical education.

Given that the average length of stay for residents does not correspond to the length of vocational or technical career certifications, the primary goals of the career educational program are reflected in the policy statement.

A.ResidentStudents can may receive school or college credit for completion from career and /technical curricula that including es (but is not limited to) the following areas:

B.____

1.B. Computer Technology

2.1. Carpentry

3. Culinary Arts

4.2. Small Engines

<u>5.3.</u> Creative Arts

6.4. Barbering

- C. Qualified <u>residentstudents</u> may also earn college credits (one 3-credit course per term) through an on-grounds Community College of Rhode Island Program.
- D.
 Additionally, sResidenttudents may participate in-a life skills programming.
- E. Paragraphs A D are consistent with Correctional Education Association Standards 43; 46 47; and 57 59.